

Summary

The Asian Solidarity Committee (ASC) is a new, major Communist front organization conceived and created by the World Peace Council (WPC) and the first front to be organized on a purely regional basis rather than ^{forced} on a profession, class, group or issue. It could be called "a front of a front" since it seemed ~~destined~~ ^{intended} at first to take over much of the WPC work in ~~that area~~ Asia and Africa. As it develops, however, its function appears to be more supplementary to the WPC work or as the first activation of a drastic re-organization ^{ostensibly} of the World Peace Movement into regional and quasi-autonomous structures ~~although the WPC central relationship will be maintained.~~ ~~although the WPC central relationship will be maintained.~~ although the central liaison and coordination relationship with the WPC is maintained.

The ASC has tried, and succeeded to some extent, to draw in non-Communist representation although Communist control is assured by able Communists and fellow-travelers throughout its membership. The presence of Diet and Parliamentary members on its rosters suggests that the ASC will seek ~~to~~ a quasi-official status in each non-Communist country, will attempt to infiltrate and influence government policies, and to "speak" for each country as a whole.

The over-all purposes of the ASC ^{are two: (a) provide an environment in which Communists can win acceptance} ~~is to attract support from~~ the non-Communist national-
^{To reflect the minor} ist forces, whose ~~basic principles~~ of independence, neutralism, and anticolonialism ^{serve}
^{support of} the main Sino-Soviet ~~goals~~ foreign policy goals, of destroying Western influence through ^{and to aid in the elimination of Western}
^{exploiting anti-Western nationalism} ~~exploiting anti-Western nationalism~~. The main targets are, intellectuals and workers who ^{non-Communist, nationalist}
^{may be vulnerable to the appeals of an ostensibly non-Communist organization based on} are susceptible ~~of~~ being rallied around new symbols of friendship to the Soviet orbit and ^{of racial pride & unity, mentalism and hostility}
~~of hostility to the Atlantic Community.~~ ^{to be used}

